

# To the Honourable House of COMMONS.

*The Almighty God, bless, guide, and direct you, that you may have the Honour to protect his true Worship, now in this distracted time, when so many devouring Devils would destroy it; for the Devil is an Enemy to Truth.*

Gentlemen,

I Can assure you I have been very Zealous for the Peace of this Nation; and God has been infinitely good to lengthen out our Tranquillity hitherto, contrary to the expectation of Men and Devils: I must confess I do not love War, because it is destructive, and the winner may be a loser: Therefore I humbly intreat Your Honours, to beg the Infinite Majesty of Heaven his Directions, and he will direct you to preserve his Worship, and to keep your Trade, and prevent War, if you will sincerely seek to him and be just, and to do as you would be done unto, and not encourage them that violently break his Commandments; which the Interlopers has done with a high hand. I love the Gentlemen, but I am sorry they should be guilty of such a Crime, that has brought a scandal upon the Government, and a dishonour to Religion, not considering Gods Commandments: But Your Honours know, if any Man has necessity for Money, and he sells his House to two Men, the last buyer must be the loser, and so it must be in this case; there must be no Unity, for that will be overgrown, and destroy the Trade of the Nation. There is not any thing for the advantage and peace of the Nation, than to unmake them again, for they have made a great breach upon Friendship, and has disturb the peace of the Kingdom; for every one is tearing and rending one from another, and if the Commandments be of no effect, Who can live safe? Therefore if you love God for the good of your own Souls, and the peace of the Kingdom put an end to it; and if you love the Gentlemen, order their Money to be paid them again, for that is the greatest good you can do them, for God will never bless the breach of his Commands; but if they will submit, and be willing to have their Money again: For it has been an ill example, and if they will be sorry that they should give the occasion, God will pardon both the Sheep and the Shepherd; but if they are stiff-necked and will not yield, God knows how to punish them, and all that supports them; for he is a powerful God, he can save and destroy in a moment, for they shall know that there is a God in England as well as in Israel. *The Lord grant that we may do those things to prevent his anger.*

I humbly beseech your Honours, not to bring a Sea of trouble upon your selves at this time, as to concern your selves for an Heir for the Kingdom, for it will take up a great deal of time, and it will be all to no purpose; for it is Christ's Kingdom, and when it is his Will, that you should trouble your self about an Heir, he will direct you. But the Duke of *Monmouth's* Children must not be Heirs: for the King told me, that all the Discourses was Fabulous, for he was never Married to his Mother: And when the difference was between the King and the Duke, I fasted three days for to Unite them: And I made Applications daily, and the King was so gracious, that he did not say any thing against the Duke, but said you are hard upon me, But why do not you go and hear what he says to you? But when I came he received me very civilly, but I never heard any Mortal vilifie the King at so great a rate as he did, which made my heart ake, and so I declin'd the Cause. Why should any one think of an Heir, have you not got a King you can trust? I would that all could trust God, for then you need not fear the greatness of *France*, nor depend upon the fidelity of the Dutch; but you would be glorious, great, and happy, and the King and People would obtain more true joy in a Week, than they have in a Year; for he would endow you with such Christian Actions, that might rectifie all mistakes. The late Parliament could trust God without a Standing Army, and make Corn cheap, and they put down those hellish Serpents that did so much mischief, and the people are very thankful: And God will enable the Old Company to pay off the New: For they have been established by Kings and Queens for above these Hundred Years; and they thought it was for the advantage of the Crown, and the good of the Kingdom: And Your Honours must keep up the Kings Pre-rogative; and in so doing you will preserve your own Power: And God can make the young King of *Spain* a Friend to Christendom, and therefore you may own him.

*The Almighty grant that you may know how to deny your own Interest, for God's Glory, and the King and Kingdoms good: Which the Lord grant, Amen. Amen.*

So I rest your Souls-well-wisher,

MELINOR JAMES.